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November 5, 2004

Ms. Mary M. Miller, Chief
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California Department of Water Resources
Division of Planning and Local Assistance, Southern Region
770 Fairmont Avenue, Suite 102
Glendale, CA 91203-1035

Re: Tehachapi Second Afterbay Project

Dear Ms. Miller:

Thank you for providing National Cement with a copy of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the above project. At the present, National Cement does not have additional comments on the project, other than the previously presented comments regarding the possibility of the project impacting the pipeline that supplies water from our well to the plant location.

Appendix A – Notice of Preparation and Responses, contained the letter from National Cement written on July 19, 2004, but failed to include the our original letter to you, dated November 20, 2003. I am enclosing a copy of this letter to be included in Appendix A of the EIR.

Should you need additional information, please telephone me at (661) 248-6733, extension 232; or you can contact me at jstefanik@natcem.com.

Sincerely,



Jerry Stefanik
Environmental Manager



**NATIONAL CEMENT COMPANY
OF CALIFORNIA, INC.**

November 20, 2003

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California Department of Water Resources
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Re: Tehachapi Second Afterbay Project

Dear Ms. Miller

National Cement Company of California, Inc. (National Cement) received your Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report for the above mentioned project. National Cement has no concern regarding environmental issues or concerns associated with the project.

National Cement does have a concern. A section of our water supply pipeline from our water well to the plant site is located in the area of the project. Approximately 4 years ago, we discussed this issue with an engineer from the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and we agreed that you would realign our pipeline in such a way that manufacturing operations would not be disrupted, nor the well pump performance be impaired. The proposed realignment will consist of constructing an alternate route for the pipeline while National Cement continues to use the original line and, once the alternate line is completed, the Department would close the section of the original pipeline and connect it to the newly constructed section.

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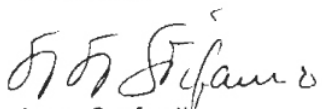
We need to mention that the water storage capacity and normal utilization rates at our facility necessitates that this final modification be performed in less than a period of 24 consecutive hours. If you need more than 24 hours, we could accommodate multiple interruptions as long as they are separated by sufficient time for refilling our storage tanks. Should the kiln process be down for maintenance, this period can be extended based on the length of the kiln system downtime. National Cement and the Department could schedule this time for mutual benefit. In case the tie-in cannot be effected in the prescribed time, the DWR could provide water to the plant from the aqueduct during the construction period.

Additionally, National Cement requests that the DWR cooperate with the following items:

- The design of the proposed pipeline realignment will be submitted to National Cement's technical staff for review and comments.
- All aspects of the construction, including waste removal will be the responsibility of the DWR.
- The DWR needs to give National Cement notice every time that the water supply to the plant will be shut off. The notice must be given at least one week prior to the shut off period.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter, we are looking forward to working with the DWR in this project. Should you need additional information, please telephone me at (661) 248-6733, extension 232; or you can contact me at jstefanik@natccm.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jerry Stefanik", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jerry Stefanik
Environmental Manager

National Cement Company

November 5, 2004

- 5a** At the time of the November 20, 2003, comment letter, the proposed reservoir or Tehachapi Second Afterbay was located south of the Tehachapi Afterbay (Pool 42) in the vicinity of the National Cement Company water supply pipeline. However, the proposed project was later redesigned and relocated. A Notice of Preparation for the Tehachapi East Afterbay Project was posted with the State Clearinghouse on June 24, 2004, and was mailed to Jerry Stefanik, Environmental Manager, at National Cement Company. For the Tehachapi East Afterbay Project, the reservoir was relocated northeast of the bifurcation of the East Branch and West Branch of the California Aqueduct in southern Kern County. Therefore, construction activities would not occur in the vicinity of the National Cement Company water supply pipeline and no coordination regarding the water supply pipeline will be necessary.